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## ORIENTATION PARTY

The G.S.A. will be holding its annual Orientation Party, November 11. There will be Disco music and dancing. Beer, wine and food will be served. The Deans of the faculties and the Graduate Program Directors will be there. Come and have a good time. You are permitted to bring one guest. I.D. required.

Date: Friday, November 11, 1977

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Place: H-651

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS FOR SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Graduate Students' Association, on behalf of science graduate students, presented a brief to Dr. Russel Breen, Vice-Rector of Arts and Science, Dr. Maurice Cohen, Dean of Science, and Dr. Roderich Townshend, Chairman of Chemistry, on July 12, 1977. This brief included several proposals and recommendations to create a healthy and conducive atmosphere between the science graduate students and the university. This was done in order to facilitate the students' commitment to research and teaching responsibilities.

Dr. Breen was found to be very sympathetic. However, after lengthy discussion and negotiation with Dr. Cohen, it was agreed that science graduate students in Ph.D. programs will receive \$5,600.00 over a period of 12 months for their research and teaching responsibilities renewable for three years, and Masters' graduate students will get \$4,800.00 over 12 months for the same responsibilities. Masters' students research and teaching assistantships will be renewable for one additional year. The work load has been reduced from 12 hours per week to 8 hours per week for every graduate student.

The G.S.A. also proposed that the research and teaching assistantships should be increased annually by the same percentage as the full time Faculty salary. Dr. Cohen was very much impressed with our proposals.

The problems regarding instrumentation in the faculty of Science were also discussed. Dr. Breen visited the research laboratories and Dr. Townshend also briefed Dr. Breen about the breakdown of the instruments. As the instruments are old, some long term plan should be implemented to ensure the proper functioning and maintenance of the equipment. This problem has yet to be solved. Study space and security in the labs are the issues under study.

The President is very thankful to Mr. G. Matteo, Charles Berks and Nora-Jean Hibberd for taking part in the discussions and negotiations. At present the G.S.A. is looking into the teaching assistantships situation in other faculties. If you have any suggestions call 879-7219.

### NEW FEE STRUCTURE

The Graduate Students' Association welcomes the new fee structure being implemented beginning Sept. 1, 1977. Beyond minimum residence fees have been removed and replaced by a term fee of \$10.00 per term. A simplified scheme of collecting student services fees has been adopted by the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL). The new fee is based now on the amount of tuition you pay, i.e. tax scheme. The tax rate for 1977-78 is 13.5% of the tuition fees. So you will be paying \$13.50 for student services if your tuition fees during the coming year are \$100.00.

### GRADUATE STUDENTS' LOUNGE

Did you know that graduate students have their own lounge in the Hall Building? It is located on the 7th. floor in the Hall Building, Room 733. It is there for your use. Most of the time the lounge is used by undergraduates. To prevent this problem, we suggest that those of you in the Hall Building make good use of the lounge.

## G.S.A. POLICY FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES

The Graduate Students' Association is pleased to announce that limited funds are now available for partial coverage of the cost of trips by graduate students presenting papers at conferences, which are related to their fields of study. Make application to the G.S.A. at least one month before the presentation of your paper. For further information contact your faculty rep.

## GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

One of the most important functions of the G.S.A. is to find student representatives for various university committees. To the extent that there are individuals willing to become involved, the G.S.A. will perform more effectively. The purpose behind student reps is the lessening of the demand on Council members while maintaining active graduate involvement in the university.

If you would like to take part, call us at 879-7219.

## HAVING HASSLES?

If you are, perhaps we can help you! We are not making any promises but if we can help you find your way through university red tape, we will do our best. All you need to do is ask.

## PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

1. All references to Sir George Williams University changed to Concordia University.
2. All references to "Faculty Association" changed to "Faculty or Division Association".
3. Preamble: "The needs and interests of graduate students differ from the general student body" changed to "the needs and interests of graduate students differ from those of the general student body."
4. Article VII - Graduate Students' Council. Section 2) should read as follows:  
"a) The Graduate Students' Council shall be composed of the following members:
  - a) The President, who shall be Chairman
  - b) The Vice-President
  - c) Secretary-Treasurer
  - d) One representative from the Faculty of Engineering
  - e) One representative from the Faculty of Commerce
  - f) One representative from the Faculty of Fine Arts
  - g) Three representatives from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, one from each division."
5. Article IX - Finance Section 3)  
"All cheques drawn against the G.S.A. shall be signed by the Sec-Treasurer and either the President or Vice-President" changed to  
"All cheques drawn against the G.S.A. shall be signed by the Sec-Treasurer and either the President or the Vice-President OR by the University Treasurer or his representative upon application from the President."

6. Article X - Elections Section 1)  
Date that election shall be held changed from "within the last two weeks of February" to "the month of March."  
  
Section 2)  
Date that officers shall take office changed from March 15 to June 1.  
  
In the event of resignation etc., the G.S.A. Council shall decide on a date within 30 days of the resignation or dismissal, "for the election of a successor, the procedure of election being the same as that in the case of a regular election." changed to "for the appointment of a successor."
7. Article XIII - Meeting of the G.S.A. Section 1)  
"1) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of February" changed to "1) An Annual General Meeting shall be held in February or March."
8. Article XI was misprinted as IX and corrected.  
Eligibility for Office. Section 1) should read as follows:  
"1) Members in good standing as defined in the bylaws of the G.S.A. who will not receive their degree during their term of office."
9. Article XIV - Constitutional Amendment should read as follows:
  - a) This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Graduate Students' Council subject to approval by the Board of Governors of the University.
  - b) Notice of any amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the members of the G.S.A. at least thirty days prior to the council meeting called for this purpose.
10. Article XVI - Ratification Section 1)a should read as follows:
  - a) 2/3 majority vote of the voting members present at a meeting of the Graduate Students' Council called for this purpose subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

During the course of this year, the G.S.A. is planning to invite a few speakers of general interest to the graduate students. Some of the speakers under consideration are John Kenneth Galbraith, world famous economist, and James "Scotty" Reston, editor of the New York Times. Your Program Director, Charles Berks, is working hard at it.